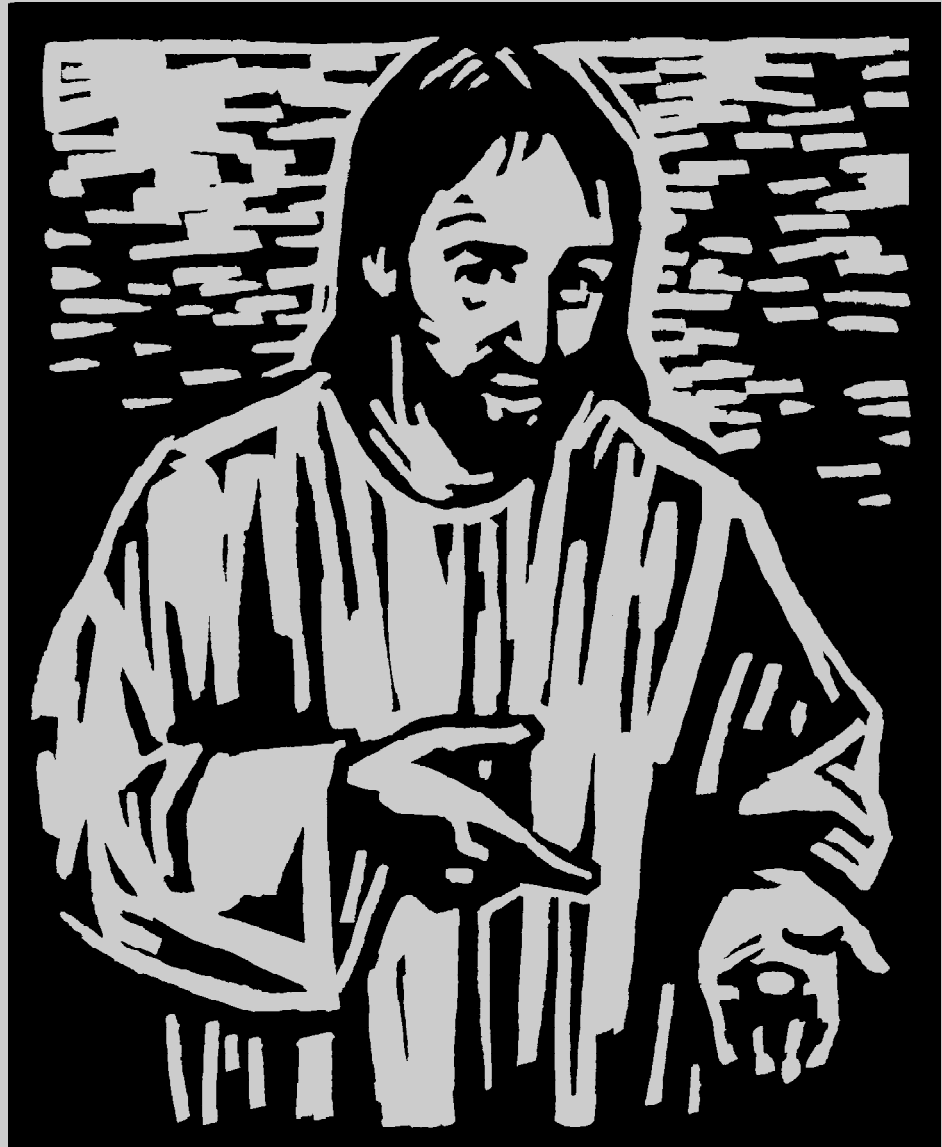


Our Lady of Lourdes

"Repay
to
Caesar
what is
Caesar's
and to
God
what is
God's."

Matthew 22:21



Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2005

Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor

Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit the Parish Office.

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:

- **Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.
- **Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.
- **Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.
- **Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

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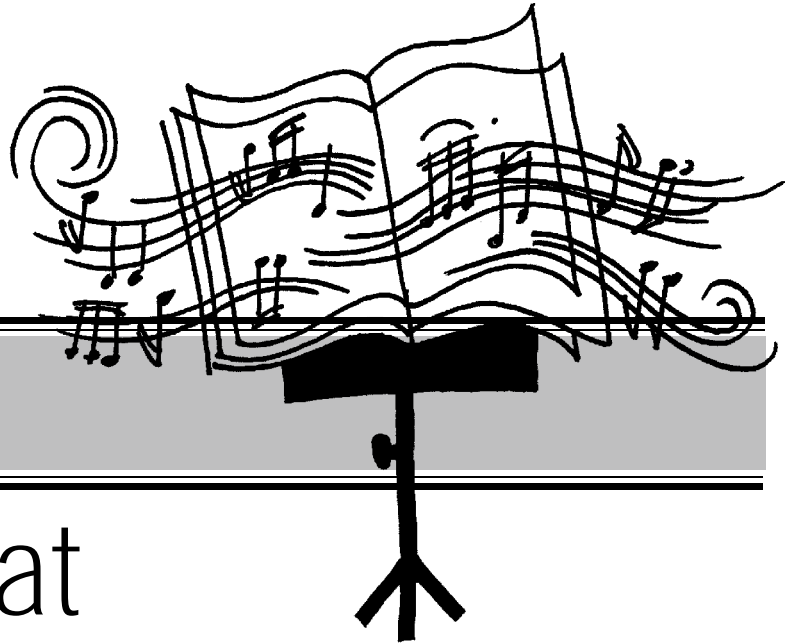
School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Until the Fat Lady Sings

You know the line about opera: “It ain’t over till the fat lady sings.” The same is true about Sunday Mass. And no, the “fat lady” is not the cantor. She’s us—all of us—the church! Sated (miraculously with just a morsel and a sip), stuffed on grace, a bit tired from sincere thanksgiving and sustained praise, the assembly has to finish this liturgy before it’s over. Would the cast leave before the final curtain? The orchestra before the finale? The team before the final buzzer or last out? At Mass, we are all the cast, all the orchestra, all the team.

The end of Mass comes quickly: After the silent revery that follows communion, there is a prayer and maybe a hymn. Some announcements follow, then a blessing and dismissal, perhaps a final song. So is it really asking too much of each other to see it through to the very end? Sure, you might be blocking in someone’s car in the parking lot. But if we all stay till the end, what difference does it make? Of course the little ones are antsy; we all are at this point. A few minutes more won’t hurt. (Nor will cries and squirming now.) And yes, not slipping out early means rubbing elbows with everyone, people jamming up at the doors and a procession of cars crawling out of the parking lot, but isn’t this a consequence of the communion that we just shared? Isn’t this how we know that we are becoming what we have shared: the body of Christ, risen from the dead, going out into the world to give to others what has been given to us?

It’s a simple act of kindness—finishing the liturgy before leaving. And if we slow down just enough to finish our liturgy, maybe we’ll slowly learn to finish well other things in life, too. And when we learn to relish and not rush the end of things—the last minutes of a movie, the final words of a conversation, the last hand of cards and the final set of pins to knock down—what we are truly learning is to relish and not rush the end of our days—a final act of gratitude that gives God praise.

Staying for the End!

We need to really work on staying until the end of Mass (*i.e. the Closing Hymn*) each week here at OLL! Those who leave Mass early usually leave after receiving Communion. They're missing the "Prayer After Communion" and the "Concluding Rite of the Mass." A lot goes on here and maybe some understanding in this area will help our entire community understand the importance of staying until the end of Mass.

Prayer After Communion

The "Prayer After Communion" generally takes place after some silence after the reception of Communion. The silence is important. As one parishioner commented, "This is the only place I can come to for quiet." As important as it is to sing – it's just as important to be still and to know the presence of God in those moments as well!

The "Prayer After Communion" is meant to conclude the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The priest leads us in prayer – usually thanking God for the gift of the Eucharist and asking for the Lord's help in making the gift of the Eucharist more than something we receive, but something we can become.

Religious Education

Upcoming Parent Orientation Meetings

Grade 6	Thursday, Oct. 20	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria
Grade 5	Thursday, Oct. 27	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria

Please consult the Religious Education calendar for further information on each grade level.

Singing a New Song to the Lord

We continue to listen and reflect upon Carol Goetz's (our Music Director) reflection from Summer Evening Prayer.

Top Ten Reasons People Don't Sing at Mass

#4 – **The music changes too frequently.**

I can't learn the music that quickly.

True – we do add new music to the parish repertoire each year. New music allows new gifts to shine and brings an even greater sense of spirit to the liturgy. We do add music, but do it very slowly. Studies suggest that it takes hearing a song up to at least ten times before you really get used to it. Think of some of OLL's greatest hits...we didn't learn "All Are Welcome" or "Christ Be Our Light" the first time. It took awhile – and listen to us now! So be open as we carefully add new music to our parish's Masses and prayer services.



Let's continue to pray for and with one another that we can sing a new song to the Lord as a parish community!



Confirmation

Last week our Confirmation candidates took another step towards their Confirmation on November 3, 2005. They celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Led by Father Bob, the candidates and their families were challenged to consider the example of the Prodigal Son – to know that God loves us no matter what! We are called to be a bit more open to God’s love and to seek it out. Let’s pray that this experience and all of the experiences leading to Confirmation will empower and strengthen our Confirmation candidates as they continue to “acknowledge (they) are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit that moves and guides us.” (*OLL Vision Statement*)



Living Liturgy

Altar Society

Our Altar Society is actively seeking new members. Are you great with an iron and a can of starch? Maybe committing to a particular Mass is impossible for you or you prefer working behind the scenes. If so – this is the ministry for you! Contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Ushers

We are always looking for women and men to serve in this important and vital ministry. The usher is the one who offers a sense of welcome, helps the assembly to support the community through the collection and leads us to the altar for Communion. Have you always wanted to be involved? If so – get involved today. Contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Extraordinary Ministers

We are preparing for training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Are you interested? If so, please e-mail John Sureau at jsureau@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Altar Servers

We’re hoping to have another round of training for new altar servers this Fall. If you are interested, please e-mail John Sureau at jsureau@ollchurch.org. You must presently be in **at least** the fourth grade.

Contemporary Music Group

Our Contemporary Music Group is growing and growing and now we need a new drummer! Anyone high school aged or above who is interested is welcome. Please contact Carol Goetz or John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org and/or music@ollchurch.org.

Life in the Spirit Seminar



The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island invites you, your family and friends to the **“Life in the Spirit Seminar”** on **Saturday, November 19** from **8 AM until 6 PM** at **Our Lady of Lourdes School cafeteria.**

The seminar will be led by spiritual director Fr. Edione R. Febrero, CHS along with speakers Albert Meneses, Malou Mapa, Dolores Pangilinan and Paul Poscablo. Music to be provided by B L D Praise Ministry.

Free registration and food. Just make time, feel the spirit and God will do the rest. Seats are limited-for registration and information please call Pete & Carlita DeRoxas at 631.661.0232 or Lito & Sely Cruz at 631.669.5237.

Information flyers are available at each entrance to the Church.



Dreams

October 29

I Had A Dream....

Brother Edward Bacon, O.S.F.

(second in series)

Saturday from 10 AM - 4PM in the Parish Center

A workshop on Dreams from a spiritual perspective. The two parts will include the following: Dreams/Spiritual Growth: Judiac/Christian Tradition of Dream Spirituality; understanding and working with symbols, images – the language of Dreams; techniques and formats for working with your own Dreams. Discussions, creative image work and reflection time will continue throughout the day.

Donation - \$20/session. Please bring your own lunch – coffee / tea / soda will be provided.

Presenter: Brother Edward Bacon, O.S.F., a Franciscan Brother for over 45 years. He has worked in the area of Adult Spirituality for over 20 years. He was on the staff of the Office of Pastoral Formation, continues giving Days of Prayers, Retreats, and Spiritual Direction.

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful–this will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and 7PM – 9 PM at 661-5440, or e-mail religioused@ollchurch.org.

Finding God in Seasons of Change...

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection



Autumn: A Season of Surrender

Life changes can bring stress and sorrow into our lives and they can also be seasons of growth.

- The loss of a relationship through divorce, death, or the breaking of a friendship
- Family difficulties with children and loved ones
- Conflicts at work or home that lead to bitterness and hostility
- Events that lead to a loss of control over our lives
- The loss of ones own health or the health of a loved one

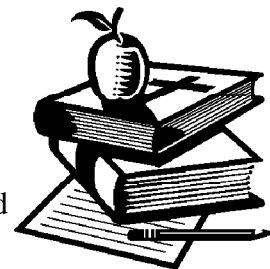
Times like these can test our faith and our self esteem, but they can also be opportunities for us deepen our faith, learn how to pray and open the door to God.

The Ministry of Family Healing will present three evenings devoted to these seasons of growth. The first, entitled **Autumn: A Season of Surrender** will be held on **October 25 at 7:30 PM** in our **Parish Center**. The evening will consist of a talk given by Marge Valenti and Marcy Chapuisat on the role of surrender in our spiritual growth. There will also be time for prayer, refreshments, and sharing together.

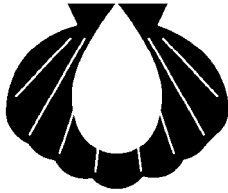
Gentle Reminder: Pre-registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. There is a \$15 fee. However, no fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. For registration or further information, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 Monday - Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM or you can email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

School News

OLL School participated in a national "Dress Down in Denim Day" to benefit the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on Friday, October 7. We raised over \$300 for the foundation.



Our Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade students went to the Long Island Game Farm and enjoyed the day learning about all the farm animals and our 3rd Graders visited the Fire Island Lighthouse on Friday, October 14.



Baptisms

Logan Robert Brennan
 Martin and Melissa
Gabriella Theresa Greenwald
 Keith and Vincenza
Janessa Marie Jolly
 David and Melissa
Ava Rose Longobardi
 Michael and Denise
Sabrina Nicole Mooney
 Christopher and Bridget
Zachary Thomas Perri
 Thomas and Gina
Kyle Matthew Smith
 Frank and Patricia

Upcoming Marriages

Isora Brea and
Eric Gozley, both OLL
Jennifer Marino and
Luis Rojas, both OLL
Dawn Susskraut and
Antoine Abi-Zeid, both OLL
Michele Prawd, St. Mary's, E. Islip and
Troy Farina, OLL

Resting in Peace

Dorothy A. Hague
Florence Belmonte
Clara Ditaranto
Louise C. Panaro

Financial Summary

October 9, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$17,327.00
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$(1,730.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,057.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please contact the Parish Office.

Remembering...

Monday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

8:00 AM James Hannon

Tuesday, October 18

St. Luke, evangelist

8:00 AM Charles Homann

Wednesday, October 19

St. John de Brebeuf, martyr

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Thursday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, priest

8:00 AM Thomas J. Manzi

Friday, October 21

8:00 AM Edward Cameron III

Saturday, October 22

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy, Elizabeth J. Golden,
Michael Brancato, Al Velten, Joseph Patti, Isabelle Cincotti,
Inez Maxted, Ruth & Michael Mifsud, Robert Brown,
Baby Ryan Michael Barthel

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, October 23

8:00 AM Joanna Jakowicki

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Frank Tusa, Jr.

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Patrick Manning, Dorothy & Joseph Boening

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Nancy Santoro

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM Paul Donat, Marquez Family, Sandoval Family,
Marianna Pezzuti, Irene Floridia, Anthony Castelluzzo,
Thomas Cecere, Nancy & Thomas Anderson, José Nieves,
Wayne & Roland Van Acker, Placido Raffa, Jo Brogan (L)

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation

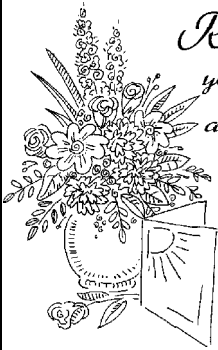
Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM



Altar Society

Dottie Collins

Pray for Our Sick



*Remember in
your thoughts
and prayers...*

*Jannine Augustine, Thomas Brennan,
Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock,
Jerry Castonguay, Jillian Delaney,
John Finch, Madeline Hopper,*

*Fr. Bill Jablonski, Richard Macher, Benjy Margulies,
Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy,
Peter Neci, Nichole O'Connor, Robert Petersen,
Robin Postiglione, Christine Prince, Joe Radosti,
Rose Serragano, Mary Stone, Rosemary Van Acker,
Loretta Vitale, Venera Vivo, Karl Walter*

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound. Contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email:

ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax:

661-7143

website:

www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email:

ReginaC@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email:

ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach

661-9262

Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

email:

Sage@ollchurch.org

Thrift & Gift Boutique

Monday & Thursday: 9 AM-11 AM

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, October 18** at **9AM** in the **Parish Center**.

Senior Circle

Our Senior Circle meets at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center on the *last* Monday of every month.

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):

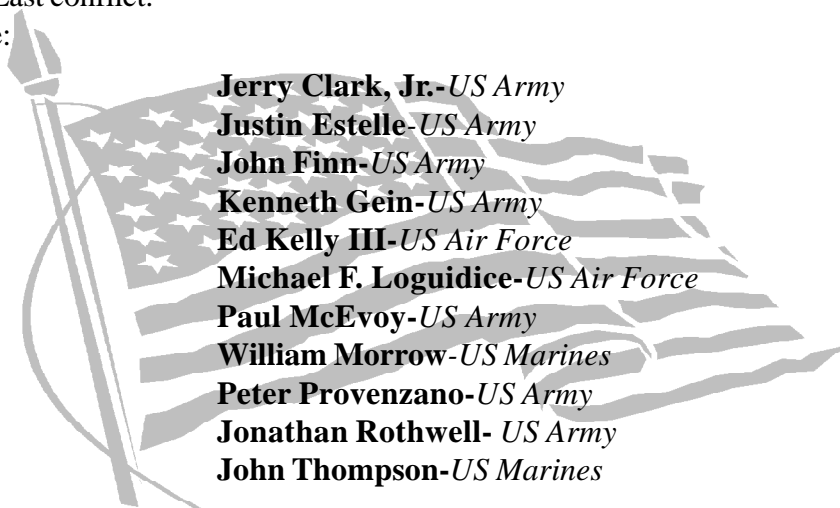
A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church.

For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

They are:



Jerry Clark, Jr.-US Army

Justin Estelle-US Army

John Finn-US Army

Kenneth Gein-US Army

Ed Kelly III-US Air Force

Michael F. Loguidice-US Air Force

Paul McEvoy-US Army

William Morrow-US Marines

Peter Provenzano-US Army

Jonathan Rothwell- US Army

John Thompson-US Marines

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

For information/assistance call 661.9262.

Scrip is sold in the Outreach office during business hours.

Home Care

If you need help at home—home companion or child care—please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—All Are Welcome!

If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.

Pantry Needs

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to provide food and necessities for so many in need. Please donate whatever you can—some suggested items would be:



boxed potatoes
boxed rice
canned chili
canned fruits
canned soups
canned vegetables
cereal
children's disposable diapers
cookies
crackers
jello
jelly
pudding
spam

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall—convent lower level.

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall—convent lower level.

Social Action

Social Action Group

The Social Action Group helps our parish to focus on issues related to Peace and Justice. Are you interested in learning more? If so, call Dorothy Perdue or John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to dorothy.perdue@worldnet.att.net or jsureau@ollchurch.org.

The Social Action Group is open to everyone-so come find out more and see if it's for you!

Winter Clothing Drive

We are still collecting new hats, new gloves, new scarves and other winter clothing items. They will be donated to two homeless shelters in Suffolk County. We will collect these items throughout the month of October so bring them with your weekly food donation.

Take some time to reflect...

Our job now is to not only to help those who are homeless but to seriously think- why does homelessness even happen in a country as wealthy as ours? What can we do about it as a parish community?

Pastoral Letter on Society's Responsibility to the Poor and Vulnerable

Our Recommendations for Just Economic Policies

sixth in a series...

... Catholic teaching affirms that all people deserve basic human rights including economic rights to what is necessary for a life lived in dignity. These include the right to work and support a family, to housing, to health care and to education. The Covenant requires that we guarantee the same protection and opportunities for the people who wait on our tables, clean up our yards, harvest our food, care for our elderly relatives, clean our offices, and work for their public assistance, as we do for those who are working in more secure higher paying jobs. These just claims must be met even when times are difficult.

The New York State Catholic Conference, which is the public policy advocate for the Catholic Church in New York, has developed a public policy agenda which includes our recommendations for protecting human life, meeting basic human needs, and providing education and health care... What follows are policy directions that we believe must continue to guide us as we set our economic, social and fiscal priorities for this year and the years ahead.

Work:

- Continued consideration of ways to enhance workers' incomes such as the minimum wage and the Earned Income Tax Credit;
- Increased commitment to both prepare people for work and to equip them with skills necessary for the job market;
- Increased public assistance benefits levels and strengthening of the housing, day care and health care supports necessary for families transitioning from public assistance to work.

Health:

- Maintenance of the integrity of Medicaid, Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus;
- Intensification of outreach to assist eligible families to apply for health benefits and to maintain their coverage;
- Continued efforts toward the goal of extending health care to all;

Education:

- Provision of adequate funding for education in New York state;
- Enable all parents, especially those who are poor and/or have children with special needs, to access schools and programs that most appropriately meet the needs of their children.

Homelessness and Housing:

- Provide transitional and supportive housing and subsidies like the Federal Section 8 program to help people move from public assistance to work and to protect those who cannot work;
- Preserve low-income housing and develop decent housing for all of our people.



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Someday, just maybe, someone will invent a time machine so we can talk to the Founding Fathers of our country. Once and for all we could resolve the question of Church and state. What is the relationship between the two? Is one exclusive of the other? What did they intend? But for now, we will have to be satisfied with lots of debate and discussion.

Even Jesus had to face the question of religion and state. Taxes were a fact of life and at times caused the Jews some moral as well as social concerns. But Jesus was not drawn into it. His answer to give God what is God's and Caesar what is Caesar's sidesteps the dispute and puts things into perspective. The real power of both religion and state is seen when each fulfills its proper role in sustaining and supporting the dignity of every person, a way in which each can be judged as moral and good.

Faith trumps all we are and all we do and all we have. Both church and state can benefit from working together, but we can never compromise our core beliefs and values. Regardless of what the state deems legal and right, the Gospel is the final measure of what is moral and just. We answer to a higher authority than political leaders. Our faith must guide us in our political lives, choices and decisions.

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Readings for the Week of October 16, 2005

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/ Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/ Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/ Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/ Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon, offers a free eight week bereavement support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required in order to attend this group which starts Monday, October 17 from 7 PM until 9 PM. For registration and/or information please call 661.9354.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Annulments

Outstanding presentation by Deacon Thomas Rich of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to be held at the Emmanuel Retreat House of Kellenberg Memorial HS on Thursday, October 27 from 8 PM until 10 PM. Call to register at 516.678.5800, extension 508 or email clok@drvc.org

Off-Broadway comes to OLA

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Copiague, is presenting the play *Late Nite Catechism* on Friday, October 28 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium. For only \$25 you will have the opportunity to enjoy this hilarious play! Light refreshments will be served at intermission. For more information and ticket purchase, please call Linda at 631.7894537.

Retrouvaille

A program for marriages that are in trouble. It offers a lifeline to couples suffering with relationship problems. No group discussions. The program will help you rediscover each other, examine your life and learn to communicate more effectively. Six post-weekend sessions provide continued support. The next weekend will be held at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Douglaston, Queens on November 4-6. For more information or to register call 1.800.470.2230.

Operation Andrew

The Vocation Office will be sponsoring an evening of prayer and discussion of the priesthood and religious life for young men of our diocese on **Wednesday, October 19**. This evening will allow priests and brothers to share the story of their vocation in an informal setting with those present. There will be Mass with Bishop Murphy followed by dinner and conversation. For information, please contact the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or email vocations@drvc.org.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Next Sunday's theme is:

"Autumn Changes"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELECare, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

Christa House

Step out for sixty minutes– make it your finest hour!

Third Annual Christa House Walk on Sunday, October 23 at Jones Beach State Park, Field 5.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 AM or you can register online at www.christahouse.org. Walk begins at 9:30 AM sharp.

Christa House-The Jerry Hartman Residence is a Long Island residence for the dying poor and those suffering with AIDS.



Help Wanted

St. Anne's parish in Brentwood is looking for a bilingual (English/Spanish) receptionist to work part time. For more information, call Father Tom at 631.273.8113.

Divorce and Beyond

Ten week program for the divorced or those going through the divorce process. An opportunity to find that special comfort and insight that can be found only in a group of people who are experiencing similar issues. Beginning Wednesday, October 19 from 7:30 -9:30 PM at St. James Parish Center, Seaford. To register contact Parish Outreach at 516.735.8690.

Project Linus

Project Linus is a non-for-profit, 100% nationwide group of volunteers providing handmade security blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children. Please consider to crochet, knit, or quilt handmade washable blankets. We will deliver your gift of love to various facilities, hospitals, etc. Can you help in any way? Please contact Joi at 516.938.4244 or email casper39@optonline.net.

Volunteers are a Blessing

The Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to become a volunteer at our skilled nursing facility, Maria Regina Residence, in Brentwood. Please consider volunteering in one of the following areas: gift shop, transporting wheelchair residents within the building, beverage carts. For more information, please contact Sister Rita at 299.3288. We would love to have you join our family!

Wanted

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned by the Diocese to bring Holy Communion to patients at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home. Our Lady of Consolation can accommodate new Eucharistic Ministers almost any day of the week and time of the day is flexible, depending on minister's convenience. If you have any questions or have an interest, please contact Peggy Nixdorf, chaplain at 631.587.1600, extension 8297.

Sharing the Gospel

Today's Gospel reading is about money and how we need to spend it. You may not be old enough to earn your own money yet, but you may get money for a birthday or Christmas gift. Our money is really a gift from God, and we should use it to take care of each other. We give money to our neighborhood and country, so that we can enjoy schools, parks, roads, and protection from harm. We give money back to God, to help ministers who spread God's love.



Prayer



Dear God,
 help me to use my money to make the world
 a better place. Amen.



Word Unscramble

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Pharisees, trick, Jesus, honest, teach, respect, taxes, Emperor, God



Mission

for the
 Week

Ask your parents to help you divide your money into four jars- decorate one jar for God, one for Savings, one for Gifts, and one for Spending. With every new dollar you receive, divide your money into these four jars.